

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Clark et al.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir/Madam:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 18, 2009 ("the Office Action"). In the Office Action, the Examiner required a restriction as follows:

- Group I:** Claims 1-10, 15, 19-20, 26-27, 31-40, drawn to a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleic acid sequence further comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a reporter protein that is secreted alkaline phosphatase (SEAP), a host cell comprising the nucleic acid of the invention and method of using cell for in vitro screening;
- Group II:** Claims 1-8, 11-15, 19-20, 26-27, 31-40, drawn to a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleic acid sequence further comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a reporter protein that is secreted is a modified human beta choriogonadotrophin (hCG), a host cell comprising the nucleic acid of the invention and method of using cell for in vitro screening;
- Group III:** Claims 1-8, 15-16, 19-20, 26-27, 31-40, drawn to a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleic acid sequence further comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a reporter protein that is secreted hormonal molecule FSH, a host cell comprising the nucleic acid of the invention and method of using cell for in vitro screening;
- Group IV:** Claims 1-8, 15, 17, 19-20, 26-27, 31-40, drawn to a nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleic acid sequence further comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a reporter protein that is antibody is gamma or light